

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING A DATABASE AND  
PROCESSING PROGRAM THEREFOR

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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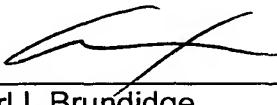
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby  
claim the right of priority based on Patent Application Nos. 2002-188931 and 2003-  
177458 filed in Japan on June 28, 2002 and June 23, 2003, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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